SS Simon and Jude CE Primary School Newsletter

23rd October 2026

School Vision, Mission and Values

'I can do all things through him who strengthens me' Philippians 4:13

Our Vision: We strive to build a community which nurtures positive relationships that permeate through all aspects of life. A community where barriers do not define us, but instead offer opportunity for growth. No matter our background, through our faith, we will find the strength and courage to flourish as citizens of the future.

Our Mission: Empowering individuals to flourish together in the image of God.

The focus this half term is: **HOPE**



Attendance

Please ensure your child attends school everyday. The term dates for this academic year are detailed on the school website under the parent tab. [Term Dates - SS Simon & Jude CE Primary School]

Attendance at school is **everyone's** responsibility. School and parents need to work in partnership to improve school attendance. With this in mind, we have developed our attendance chart to provide more information for parents. We have colour coded the attendance in line with the figures below.

96% and above. This is meeting our target.

95.9% - 94% This is working towards our target.

Below 94%. This is a cause for concern and needs to improve.

We have also added in a comparison arrow.

Class attendance has increased since last week.

= Class attendance has stayed the same.

Class attendance decreased since last week.

We have also included the number of lost learning days. When children miss days, they miss new learning and because lessons build on each other, the learning is not always revisited. This significantly impacts on your child's learning and development.

Classes	Attendance	Comparison to last week	Number of lost learning days
Reception A	98.1%	⇧	3
Reception B	94.8%	⇩	8.5
Year 1A	94.3%	⇩	7.5
Year 1B	91.2%	⇩	14.5
Year 2A	93.9%	⇩	9
Year 2B	93.1%	⇩	10.5
Year 2C	95.9%	⇩	6
Year 3A	97%	=	4.5
Year 3B	90%	⇩	16
Year 4A	88.5%	⇩	17
Year 4B	96.3%	⇧	6
Year 5A	95.8%	⇩	6
Year 5B	94.8%	⇩	8
Year 6A	93.7%	⇩	9.5
Year 6B	99.2%	⇧	1
Year 6C	96.9%	⇩	5

We would like to say a very special well done to our class dojo winners for this week.

Pupils who achieve the class dojo award have received the most dojo points throughout the week for showcasing our different values. These pupils are the perfect role models for other pupils and as a reward can come to school in their own clothes on **Wednesday 4th November.**

Nursey – Hussam, Ayat F & Noor Fatima	Year 3 – Noor Fatima & Rais
Reception – Roma & Ayaan	Year 4 – Aziz, Asiyah & Jan
Year 1 – Umme-Hany & Drashti	Year 5 – Saad I & Ahad
Year 2 – Hadiya, Yusra, Ruqayyah & Ayaat	Year 6 -Haris, Ziah & Aqib



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School closes Friday 23rd October & reopens on Tuesday 3rd November

Year 6






During a Year 6 writing lesson this week, the children thoroughly enjoyed editing their work in groups of three. They took turns reading aloud, listening attentively and offering constructive feedback. This collaborative activity helped develop their writing and oracy skills while encouraging them to reflect on suggestions and learn from one another's ideas.

Autumn Term 2

£10.20 - Tuck
(Reception to Year 6 - 'clubs' section of Arbor)

£84.32 - Lunch
(Year 3 up to Year 6 - Non FSM)

All payments need to be made via Arbor. Please contact the school office if you need any help with Arbor.

Arbor

Reception & Year 1 Panto Trip

Please ensure you have filled in the online consent form which has been sent to parents via email. All payments for upcoming trips will need to be paid via the Arbor App, no cash will be accepted.

Reception – Tuesday 1st December
Year 1 – Thursday 10th December



Year 5





As part of their Year 5 Geography curriculum, pupils took part in a local area walk this week to explore their surroundings and develop their fieldwork skills. Working in small groups, they identified and mapped areas of litter, using their observational skills to record evidence of human impact on the local environment. This hands-on activity helped pupils practise route plotting, recognise natural and human features in the landscape, and develop a greater awareness of the importance of keeping their local area clean and litter-free.

SS Simon & Jude CE Primary School Term Dates 2026 - 2027

School is closed to pupils on shaded and coloured days.

Training Days (school closed to pupils)

SEPTEMBER

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JANUARY

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